

[54] INTRAOCULAR LENS APPARATUS

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ABSTRACT

An intraocular lens apparatus for insertion into a posterior chamber adjacent the iris of an eye. The apparatus includes a lens having a front face, a central portion and an outer periphery and a plurality of cantilevered clips. Each clip is mounted to the central portion, extends outwardly from the face and toward the periphery. The clips are adapted to secure the iris to the front face of the lens when the lens is positioned within the posterior chamber of the eye immediately behind the iris. A surgical tool includes a handle portion and a foot portion having a clip retaining surface which serves to maintain the lens on the tool when the lens is being positioned in the posterior of the eye. In one embodiment the clips are comprised of a resilient springy material which serves to bias the legs toward the face. In an alternate embodiment, the clips are comprised of a deformable, malleable material.

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